

Trout, 1999

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Pennsylvania's 54 commercial trout growers sold 1.90 million pounds of trout valued at \$5.39 million during the 12-month period ending December 31, 1999. In addition to those sold, an estimated \$9.59 million worth of trout were distributed for conservation and recreational purposes throughout the state, primarily by state hatcheries and private fishing clubs.

Sales of foodsize trout (usually 12 inches or longer) by the State's growers totaled 1.50 million pounds, or 47 percent of the total production sold during the period. Averaging \$2.61 per pound, the foodsize trout were valued at \$3.94 million. Fee fishing/recreational sales accounted for 49 percent of the foodsize production sales, with restaurant and retail sales accounting for 24 percent.

Sales of stocker trout (usually 6 to 12 inches long) by Pennsylvania growers totaled 1,250,000 fish, or 372,000 pounds live weight during the period. At an average of \$3.35 a pound, stocker sales were valued at \$1.25 million, with 83 percent of the volume sold to fee and recreational establishments.

Trout distributed for restoration or conservation purposes, primarily by the state fish commission but also by private fishing clubs, included 26 thousand 12" or longer fish, 5.8 million 6-12" fish, and 1.9 million fingerlings.

Commercial trout growers in the Commonwealth lost 296,000 pounds of trout due to various causes. These causes included disease, theft, chemicals, drought, flood and predators.

The *National Agricultural Statistics Service* surveyed all known commercial trout growers in Pennsylvania and 19 other states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

For the 20 selected states, all trout sales during the year ending December 31, 1999, totaled 62.8 million pounds valued at \$77 million. Foodsize trout sales accounted for 96 percent of the pounds sold, with 64 percent of that amount purchased by processors.

Pennsylvania: Trout Sales, 1998-1999

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	(000)		(000)		(000) Dollars		Dollars	
Foodsize ¹	1,470	1,500	1,440	1,510	3,571	3,941	2.48/lb.	2.61/lb.
Stocker ²	1,580	1,250	560	372	1,742	1,246	3.11/lb.	3.35/lb.
Fingerlings ³	300	430	9	15	134	198	14.89/thou.	13.20/thou.
Total	3,350	3,180	2,009	1,897	5,447	5,385	-	-

¹ Foodsize fish are defined as being 12 inches or longer. ² Stockers are defined as being from 6-12 inches in length. ³ Fingerlings are defined as being from 2-6 inches in length.

United States: Trout Sales, 1998-1999

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	(000)		(000)		(000) Dollars		Dollars	
Foodsize ¹	57,554	60,990	57,895	60,285	60,273	64,954	1.04/lb.	1.08/lb.
Stocker ²	9,664	7,029	3,319	2,231	7,623	5,626	2.30/lb.	2.52/lb.
Fingerlings ³	6,207	9,941	162	257	890	1,412	5.49/thou.	5.49/thou.
Total	73,425	77,960	61,376	62,773	68,786	71,992	-	-

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United States: Number & Value of Egg Sales, 1998-1999

	Number Sold		Value of Sales		Average Value Per 1,000	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	(000)		(000) Dollars		Dollars	
Eggs	343,159	311,414	5,192	4,930	15.10	15.80